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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

USMC LTC William (Rich) Higgins is very much alive and currently, physically located at the Syrian headquarters located immediately above the Beirut International Airport. LTC Higgins was officially considered from captivity upon receipt of orders received on or about 21 September 1988. [See Session Number 33 dtd 21 Sep 88 that makes reference to the orders.] The imminence of Higgins' release and subsequent travel by vessel to Egypt, Tunisia, and the US is due in good measure to the intervention of a French military officer assigned to the UN and to some form of incursion (presence) made by Israeli forces. Agreements were previously made with the Secretary General of the United Nations (UN) for the release Higgins "under controlled conditions" providing every effort be made to downplay, avoid the resultant public notoriety.

Sutherland's release will follow the release of Higgins; much in the same manner and in the same locale as Higgins (use of Beirut International Airport and Syrian headquarters building).

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WARNING NOTICE: INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED

PROJECT NUMBER: 8808 SESSION NUMBER: 35

DATE OF SESSION: 7 OCT 88 DATE OF REPORT: 7 OCT 88

START: 1100 END: 1130

METHODOLOGY: WRV VIEWER IDENTIFIER: 079

1. (S/NF/SK) MISSION: Determine if USMC LTC Higgins is alive; determine if he remains in captivity.

2. (S/NF/SK) VIEWER TASKING: Viewer 079 tasked with the two requirements above, Para 1.

3. (S/NF/SK) COMMENTS: No inclemencies noted. Indications of strong access to signal line within discipline and structure of methodology; needs to be disproved or confirmed via ensuing assessment by customer or public disclosure. Facilitator believed DT question to be, "Is the Big H still in captivity or has he been released?". In fact, the real question was, "Is the Big H still alive or is he dead?" A Summary of Information is attached.

4. (S/NF/SK): EVALUATION:

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